Dispensary at Puthenchira in Parur taluk.

251. *MR. JOSEPH VITHAYATHIL: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation regarding the opening of a dispensary at Puthenchira in Parur taluk; and

(*b*) whether they have taken any steps in the matter?

VAIDYASASTRA KUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question regarding the opening of a dispensary at Puthenchira was included in the scheme for the opening of new dispensaries under rural medical relief scheme. But Government have since dropped the consideration of the scheme as it has to be postponed to better times.

Dispensary at Poothotta (Vaikom.)

252. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the need of a dispensary in Poothotta (Vaikom) has been brought to their notice, and if so, the action taken by them in the matter?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: Yes. On a consideration of the question it was found that a dispensary at that place is not necessary in view of its close proximity to several Government allopathic and grant-in-aid institutions.

Distribution of cuttings of guinea grass and napier.

253. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Department of Agriculture distributes free of costs, cuttings of guinea grass and napier;

(*b*) what is the method of such distribution; and

(*c*) whether they will be pleased to furnish a statement containing the quantity of such grass distributed and persons to whom it was distributed in Quilon Division in 1115 with the dates thereof?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Director of Agriculture*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The cuttings are distributed for propagation to all applicants without any exception or distinction.

(*c*) The statement is placed on the Secretary's table.

Panchakarma Specialist in the Government Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum.

254. *MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a Panchakarma Specialist has been appointed in the Government Ayurveda Hospital, Trivandrum;

(*b*) if so, when;

(*c*) whether the vacancy was advertised before filling it up;

(*d*) what are the qualifications of the person who has been appointed;

(*e*) what are the different branches of treatment under the Panchakarma system; and

(*f*) on what all branches the present incumbent had previous experience?

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MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In Makaram 1115.

(*c*) No. It was not a vacancy but a newly created post.

(*d*) The person holds the Vaidyakalanidhi Diploma and has undergone a regular course of practical training in the Panchakarma forms of treatment for a period of two years.

(*e*) (i) Vasthi (വസ്തി)
(ii) Vamanam (വമനം)
(iii) Nasyam (നസ്യം)
(iv) Virachanam (വിരേചനം)
(v) Raktamoksham (രക്തമോക്ഷം)

(*f*) On all the five branches referred to in the answer to part (*e*).

Panchakarma treatment in the Ayurveda Department.

255. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have appointed a specialist for *Panchakarma* treatment in the Ayurveda Department;

(*b*) if answer to part (a) is in the affirmative his special qualifications; and

(*c*) the number of patients who have undergone *Panchakarma* treatment under the said specialist?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) and (*b*): Reference is invited to the answers to parts (*a*) and (*d*) of Interpellation No. 254 by Mr. Murukkumpuzha V. Kunjukrishnan, on the subject.

(*c*) In-patients—28, and
Out-patients—28.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know the period during which they were treated?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: On an average about a month.

Diet to patients in the Medical Department.

256. *MR. MURUKKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what was the total decrease in expenditure under diet to patients in the Medical Department during the year 1114; and

(*b*) what are the main items in which this cut in expenditure was effected?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) About Rs. 13,000.

(*b*) As a rule certain extra diets supplied to certain institutions were reduced. It is not possible to enumerate the items under which the saving was effected as the diets were prescribed according to the needs of the in-patients.

Diet in the District Hospital, Vaikom.

257. *MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount sanctioned during the years 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, and 1114 for diet in the District Hospital, Vaikom, and the number of in-patients in the hospital during those years?

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